

Planning Board Minutes

June 12, 2013

Members: Larry Choate, Bob Pratt, Bill Leppanen

Code Enforcement Officer: Scott Bickford

Selectmen: Linda Post, Richard Carver

Present: Charlie Siletti (cc), John Hufnagel (cc), Sue Choate, Steven Cook, James Jenkins (cc), Gene White, Matt Tibbetts, Bill Gay (cc), Stuart Thro (cc), Charles Brown, Jill Delaney, Eric Davis (cc), Gregory Singer, Paul Callahan, Claire Perry, Marsha Bird, Dave Jenny, Kathryn DerMardersosian

7:30 pm Meeting called to order. Bob Pratt made a motion to vote on the minutes at the next meeting because two of the members were not present last meeting. Larry Choate seconded it. All in favor.

7:40 pm Jim Taylor's Wharf (Art Tibbetts was present) Bob Pratt said before they can listen to anything that he had to recuse himself. He has a wharf application at the DEP. That leaves two members at this meeting which doesn't meet the requirements to have a quorum in order to proceed with hearing this application. The presentation of the Wharf project will be rescheduled.

Charlie Siletti spoke on behalf of the Comprehensive Committee. They started this committee in 2010, Sue & Larry Choate set them up with a manual on CD's. The committee consists of Stuart Thro, John Hufnagel, Richard Carver, Eric & Laura Davis, Jim Jenkins, William Gay, John Ware, Ken Wexler. They worked with Eric Gallant. They sent out a questionnaire to the Citizens of Owls Head and had a 30% return rate. The committee has had monthly meetings and they have also been opened to the public. The Vision Statement is composed of what the residents of Owls Head had on their survey.

- Controlled development of open land
- Small town atmosphere preserved
- Quality water and adequate sewage resources,
- More trails for biking and hiking
- Strong local lobster fishing presence
- Improved recreational and commercial access to the waterfront
- Attention to reducing environmental pollution
- Controlled airport usage not exceeding the present size, noise and traffic levels
- Improved schools,
- Level population growth with an older population served by required care and transportation facilities,
- Available reasonable cost housing appropriate for both young and older residents and efficient with respect to the use of land and energy, water and sewage.

Bob Pratt congratulated everyone on their hard work.

William Leppenan looked at a few pages and already could see some concerns of the topics. Cluster Housing was one of them.

Robert Pratt asked if the State has looked at it yet? The State has not. It goes to them after the planning board approves it.

Robert Pratt made a motion for the Planning Board to have a chance to read this and to have more planning board members present in order to have the appropriate input. All in favor.

Scott Bickford said that the Comprehensive Plan is the wish of the community, when approved the Planning Board has to make the changes to the Town ordinances to reflect the direction of the new finalized Comprehensive Plan.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Curtis
Recording Secretary